

HOME EDITION

CHARLES ESTES CONFESSES THAT HE AND THREE OTHERS, ALL OF TOPEKA, ROBBED THE BANK AT ST. MARYS, JULY 4

Kansas City Secret Service Men
Capture Armed "Plant."

Involve Chester McLain, Hazel
Estes and Unknown "BILL."

USED JITNEY CAR FOR ROBBERY
And Machine Still Is Used on
Streets of This City.

Police on Search for Rest of
"Gang" Hiding Here.

NO MONEY HAS BEEN FOUND
Vacant House at K. C. Well Pro-
tected With Guns.

Hazel Estes Mixed Up in the
"Blow" of Fritton Safe.

PICK UP GIRL THIS AFTERNOON
Hazel Estes Denies She Had
Anything to Do With It.

Said Was on Way to K. C. in
Stolen Auto That Night.

Charles Estes, Chester McLain, Hazel
Estes, sister of Charles, and a cook
named "Bill," all of Topeka, people,
robbed the St. Marys State bank the
night of July 4, according to a con-
fession made by Charles Estes to Kan-
sas City secret service men Tuesday
night. His confession was complete,
according to information telephoned to
the Topeka police today. Estes is
in jail in Kansas City after having
been captured with a pal named
Charles Repp Tuesday night.

In his confession Estes declared
that Hazel Estes drove the Ford car
to and from St. Marys and that the
same car is now in use as a "jitney" in
Topeka. He declared that "Bill," the
alleged cook, is Hazel's sweetheart and
that where she is found he will be
found. He gave the information that
Hazel, Chester McLain and "Bill" are
all now in Topeka.

Net Over City.
Immediately upon the receipt of
this information Chief Harvey Parson
spread a net over the city for the
three mentioned by Estes. Hazel
is supposed to be living at a number
on Central avenue, in North Topeka,
but she was not there when a quiet
investigation was made this afternoon.

Estes and his pal Repp, were cap-
tured in a vacant house at 431 East
Tenth street, Kansas City, Mo., last
night without a serious fight. Al-
though all neighbors supposed the
house was vacant Estes and Repp
have been staying there for some time.
They have not used the doors to the
house. It has been their custom,
Estes said, to enter the house through
a basement window at night and come
up through a trap door under a bed.

Guns in the House.
Suit cases filled with guns and am-
munition were found in the supposed-
ly vacant house when the arrests were
made. No money of any consequence
was found. The officials of the St.
Marys bank gave out the information
following the robbery that the total
amount of money taken from the
blown safe was around \$2,500. There
have been many rumors since that the
amount was much in excess of that.

Wounded in Fight.
Hunt a dozen St. Marys people,
including Marshall Best, were wounded
by the robbers while the yeoman
was doing his work on the bank safe.
Marshall Best was shot through the
body and was brought to a Topeka
hospital. A gun battle between the
robbers and St. Marys officers and
citizens lasted for half an hour, be-
fore the robbers walked four abreast
down the main street to the Ford car
and started back east.

In the interview given by St.
Marys people several stated that one
of the robbers was referred to by the
others as "Bill." Various other in-
formation secured following the rob-
bery fits in with the alleged con-
fession of Charles Estes. Estes has
been dodging local officers since an
escape last spring when he fought
with a man, killed his dog and drove
his horse and wagon into Soldier
creek where the horse drowned.

Estes an Ex-Convict.
Estes is an ex-convict and has long
been looked upon as an exceptionally
bad man by local officers. Hazel
Estes, his sister, who he says drove the
car for the robbery, was mixed up with
Butler and others in the "blowing" of
the Fritton safe in Topeka last spring.
She testified in the case but refused
to say anything that would injure
Butler. She admitted she was Butler's
sweetheart and that she was with him
the night of the robbery of the Fritton
safe.

For a long time she took lunches to
Butler regularly in the county jail. A
significant thing in view of Charles
Estes' confession, is the discovery to-
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WORK FOR TOPEKA

Prominent Democrats Favor
Land Loan Bank Here.

James W. Orr of Atchison Says
He'll Do His Utmost.

SENATOR PRICE FOR REGISTRAR

Emporia Banker Given Support
In New Position.

Congressman Helvering Prom-
ises to Take Action.

Activities of members of the Topeka
Commercial club this morning in
their fight to locate a big loan bank
in Topeka, brought to light that a
number of Democrat politicians in
Kansas are endeavoring to obtain an
appointment for Senator W. M. Price
of Emporia as registrar for this state
or district. It is not known whether
each state shall have a registrar or
one registrar will be appointed for
each district and field deputies ap-
pointed for various states upon the
recommendation of Democrat con-
gressmen and senators.

J. Will Kelley, secretary of the
Commercial club, telephoned to James
W. Orr at Atchison this morning and
requested the Atchison man to enter
into the fight for Topeka. Mr. Orr
expressed a willingness to do his ut-
most for Topeka and at the same time
announced that a determined effort
is being made to get the registrar's
office for Topeka. Mr. Kelley, chair-
man of the committee of the Commercial
club to present statistics to the federal
board, said during the morning that
wire pulling is in progress for Sen-
ator Price.

Helvering Volunteers.
Congressman Guy T. Helvering was
the first to answer Mr. Kelley's tele-
gram.

"I will endeavor to do my best to
get the registrar's office," Congressman
Helvering's telegram read.

Charles E. Lobdell, president of the
First National bank at Great Bend
and a member of the Commercial club,
announced that he will be in Topeka
Friday to attend the ceremonies
connected with the laying of the cor-
nerstone for Topeka's new Masonic li-
brary. At that time Mr. Cobb and
members of his committee, who will
be appointed during the week, will
consult with Mr. Lobdell.

Can Point the Way.
The Great Bend man has been in
Washington in the interests of his
appointment and understands the new
bill from A to Z. Important informa-
tion is expected from him relative to
the nature of the data that should be
prepared for the consumption of the
federal board when the time arrives
for selection of a location for the bank.

Already Mr. Cobb is compiling in-
formation from farm mortgage com-
panies, the state tax commission, the
secretary of the state board of agri-
culture and insurance companies re-
garding the actual location of Topeka
as a center, for a bank of this nature.
Mr. Cobb estimates roughly that the
total mortgage loans in Kansas will
aggregate from \$70,000,000 to \$80-
\$90,000,000.

more logical location could not
be found," said Mr. Cobb. "Topeka
is in the center of a country that is
full of young men anxious to get out
from the farm and into the city. It
is a center for every kind of good char-
acter, good risks for loans. The Kan-
sas farms will prosper more if they
become smaller, say an average of
eighty acres for every man. Ulti-
mately farms of that size will be found
throughout Kansas and the placing of
the federal bank in a town accessible
to the farmers will hasten this end."

TOPEKA NAMED

Howard Kershner Permanent Sec-
retary National Prohibitionists.

St. Paul, July 19.—The committee
on permanent organization at a meet-
ing this afternoon decided to recom-
mend to the national prohibition con-
vention the selection of Robert H. Pat-
ton, Springfield, Ill., as permanent
chairman, and Howard Kershner, To-
peka, Kan., permanent secretary.

VILLA LEADING AN ARMY

He Is Advancing on Minac, West of
Chihuahua, Report.

Columbus, N. M., July 19.—Villa,
recovered sufficiently from his recent
crutches is riding at the head of a
column advancing on Minac, west of
Chihuahua City, according to infor-
mation from Mexican sources received
at the base camp here today. There
is no official confirmation of the re-
port.

Dr. E. F. Strong, of the Harvard
Medical school, a specialist on tropical
diseases, arrived here today. He
would not discuss his recent return
from the Philippines, where he
served in the sanitary corps. He
was accompanied by Robert Bacon,
former ambassador to France.

HURL 10 MILLION SHELLS

Estimate of Steel Thrown on Germans
by British in One Month.

London, July 19.—Half a million
shells about June 26, or a total
of about 10,500,000 have been hurled
the German lines by the British,
the correspondent at the front, the
Morning Post, reported today.

THOUSANDS IN LEASES BOOM OIL PROSPECTS

Wealthy Ohloan Slips Into Topeka
and Takes 8,000 Acres.

Eastern Interests Now Have
18,000 Acres in Shawnee.

NEXT WELL ON LOCAL HOLDINGS

Excitement Over Neiswanger-
Treleven-Switzer-Kiene Tract.

No Attempt to Sell Stock—Land
Is Valuable.

Excitement among Topeka oil men
and business men at the Commercial
club over Shawnee county's prospec-
tive oil wells became more intense
this week when the news leaked out
that Fred W. Worthington, a wealthy
Ohio oil man, had slipped into the
county and picked up 8,000 acres of
Shawnee county leases. Mr. Worthing-
ton's leases adjoin the 10,000
acres of J. W. Renker and interest-
ing and valuable. The 4,000 acres owned jointly
by L. G. Treleven, John F. Switzer,
Guy Kiene, Valencia, and W. A. Neis-
wanger, a Topeka real estate dealer.
This makes approximately 22,000
acres of oil leases in the southwestern
part of the county. So far as is
known those interested in the leases
are not attempting to sell any stock
and the investments are made in good
faith, based upon their belief, backed
by geologists, that oil exists in Shaw-
nee county. The drilling in charge of
Mr. Renker on the Flickinger farm
is under way and a well has been
sunk 400 feet already. Mr. Renker is
now in New York city consulting with
partners in the oil leases owned in
Kansas.

Big Interests.
Another important oil deal which
has come to light, strengthens the
belief that there is oil in Shawnee
county. The 4,000 acres owned by
Treleven, Switzer, Kiene and Neis-
wanger adjoin the Renker leases.
When Renker sank his well on the
Flickinger farm, he struck oil at a
depth of 400 feet. The deal now being
worked up by the Renker group is
half a mile from the holdings of the
Topeka people.

Instantly they busied themselves
with a deal that has been effected
by which Renker acquires a share in
the leases and will be the operating
partner. Should oil be found in the well
being sunk, the deal would be a
big one. The deal now being worked
up is half a mile from the holdings of
Treleven, Switzer, Kiene and Neis-
wanger.

Work on Stone Leases.
Then twenty-five miles to the west
of these holdings the old leases ob-
tained by Robert Stone and others are
being worked up. The deal now being
worked up is half a mile from the holdings
of the Topeka people.

On Way From New York to
Conduct Own Fight.

BETWEEN HIM AND SULZER

Velled Charges of Liquor Inter-
est Are Circulated.

In Keynote, Polling Attacks
Munition Makers.

Auditorium, St. Paul, Minn., July 19.—
The prohibition national convention
got down to real politics at its opening
session today. The fight between J.
Frank Hanly of Indiana and William
Sulzer of New York for the party's
presidential nomination developed
some old style wire pulling and rough
and tumble negotiations.

Sulzer was speeding to St. Paul, it
was stated, hoping to arrive here in
time to prevent Hanly adherents from
nominating their candidate one day
ahead of the scheduled time for nomi-
nations. Sulzer men cautioned prior
to opening the convention today and
after counting noses said there were
enough supporters of the New York
candidate to give Hanly a hot fight. If Hanly
is elected, the fight between him and
Sulzer will remain as chairman of the national
committee.

Religion Mixes In.
Religious bitterness was mixed into
the contest between the two candidates.
The American Federation of Patriotic
Societies, an anti-Catholic organization,
which is supporting Sulzer, has many
representatives on the ground. Pro-
hibition, woman suffrage and govern-
ment ownership of munitions plants
were advocated today in Daniel E.
Poling's keynote speech opening the
convention.

"Greenbackers, Populists and Bull
Moose may perish from the earth but
we go on forever," Chairman Hineshaw
said in opening the convention. "Our
cause is at its high tide. Our slogan
once was 'A saloonless nation by
1920,' now it is 'A saloonless nation
in 1916.'"

Two Kansans Honored.
The convention staged a five-minute
demonstration for former Gov.
John P. St. John, of Kansas. St. John
made a brief speech against the plan
to change the party's name.

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convention.

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party issue of the prohibitionists were
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before the noon recess.

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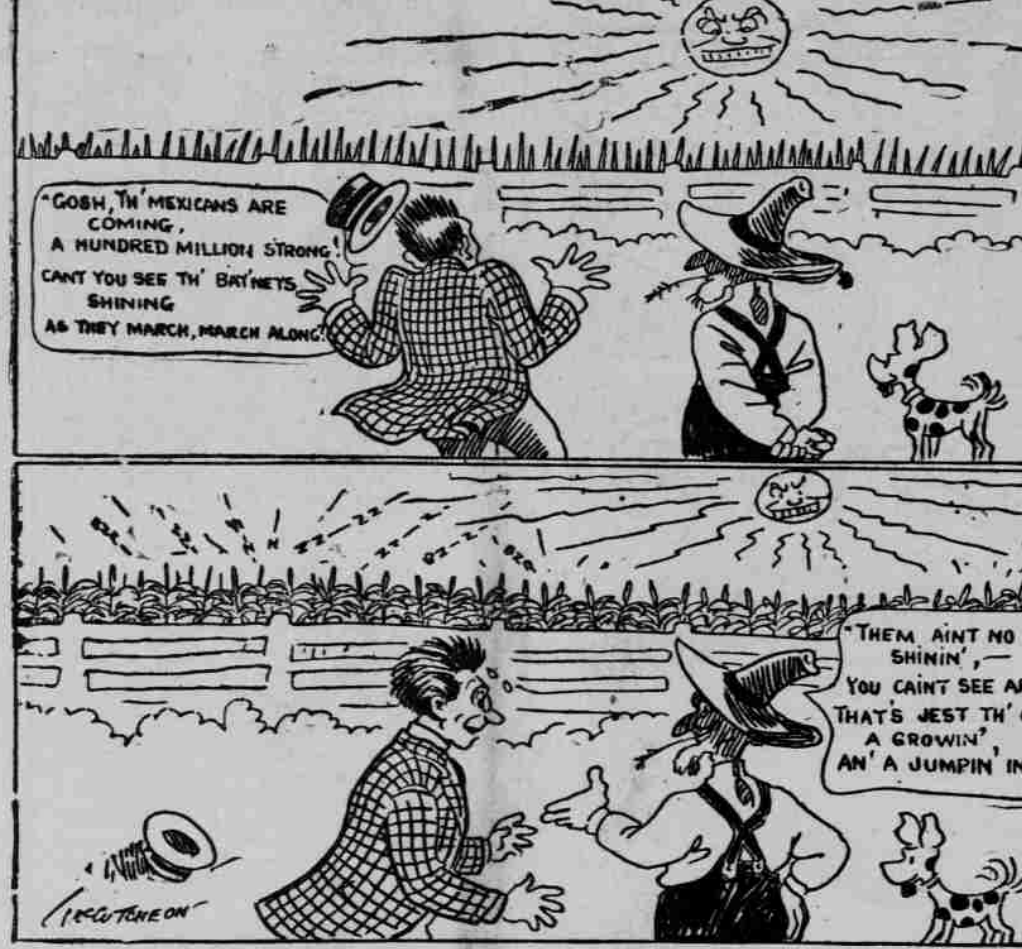
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chequer, Reginald McKenna, that the
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taxation 27 per cent. of the excess
profits of shipping firms.

Premium Stamps On Trial.
Lawrence, Kan., July 19.—The ques-
tion of premium stamps on other
problems of the retail merchant was
discussed today at the opening of the
ninth annual convention of Kansas
Retailers' Association here today.
One hundred delegates attended.

OUR LAND FORCES ARE BUSY THESE HOT DAYS

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DRYS STAGE A GENUINE SCRAP AT CONVENTION

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ent of the Evening Star reported to-
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